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SUBJ: REPORTED REFERENCE BY CIA TO MALAWI AND
TRAINING OF CUBANS

1. IN DECEMBER 27 ISSUE OF "THE ECONOMIST", PAGE 26,
FOLLOWING STATEMENT MADE: "THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
ALLEGED LAST WEEK THAT THE CUBANS HAVE MILITARY TRAINING
MISSIONS IN MALAWI, MOZAMBIQUE, SOUTH WEST AFRICA,
CONGO-BRAZZAVILLE, GUINEA, CAMEROON, GABON AND SOMALIA."

2. YESTERDAY I ASSURED SECY TO PRESIDENT, NGWIRI,
I COULD NOT BELIEVE CIA HAD MADE SUCH AN ALLEGATION RE
MALAWI AS IT MANIFESTLY UNTRUE; THAT IT UNDOUBTEDLY
MISTAKE BY SOMEONE PERHAPS CONFUSING MALAWI WITH MALI AS
OFTEN HAPPENS.

3. NGWIRI SEEMED SATISFIED BUT KNOWING PRESIDENT
BANDA'S SENSITIVITIES AND SUSPICIONS NATURE WOULD APPRECIATE
MESSAGE CATEGORICALLY DENYING CIA MADE ALLEGATION OR, IF BY
ANY CHANCE WE MADE THE MISTAKE, AN APOLOGY. I THINK HE
IS LIKELY TO ASK ME ABOUT IT.
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